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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on November 17, 2005, in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully submit the following Amendment and Response. Applicants enclose herewith a copy of an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on February 11, 2004. The IDS includes cited references that the Examiner indicated he has not previously received. Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-3081 the fee for an extension of time for this submission. In the event any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge for this submission any such fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-3081.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and Response.

- Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Drawings are found on page 4 of this paper and include attached Replacement and Annotated Drawing Sheets.
- Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5.
- Remarks begin on page 11.